

In the Claims

The following is a complete listing of the claims that replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (currently amended) A nursery care article comprising a tip for suction and adapted to be at least partially inserted within an infant's mouth and a member surrounding said tip on which lips of the infant abut during suction, and wherein a hardness of said member on which the lips abut is greater than a hardness of said tip with the hardness of said tip being between 20 and 50 Shore A and the hardness of said member being greater than 50 Shore A such that said member simulates a maternal areola.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein said tip and said member are integrally formed.

5. (previously presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein said tip and said member are formed as a teat for a nursing bottle.

6. (currently amended) The article of Claim 1, wherein said member and said tip are separately formed, said member is formed as an upper skirt of a principal part for securing said tip to a nursing bottle, and said skirt having a first central opening there through thru which said tip is movable in translation along a principal axis of said tip.

7. (previously presented) The article of Claim 6, wherein said tip includes a base flange, said principal part further includes a ring adapted to seal said base flange against an upper neck of the nursing bottle, and said skirt being integral with said ring.

8. (previously presented) The article of Claim 7, wherein said ring includes an orifice for passage of an upper cylindrical portion of said tip.

9. (currently amended) The article according to Claim 8, wherein said tip includes an integral zone for connection between said base flange and said upper cylindrical portion of said tip, and said zone having a shape that is adapted to facilitate the movement in translation of said tip.

10. (previously presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein said tip and said member are components of a comforter, said comforter

including a shield from which said tip extends, and said member on which the lips abut being formed about said tip and against said shield.